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As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth
in 37 CFR §1.56 and in keeping with the guidelines of 37 CFR §1.98,
Applicant hereby submits information thought to be relevant to the
examination of the above-identified application. Also submitted
herewith is a completed form PTO-1449.

This information came to light during the examination of a

counterpart application in the European Patent Office in an Office Action dated March 12, 2003. Accordingly, the undersigned hereby certifies that the information submitted herewith is being submitted within three months from the date of that Office Action.

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, no First Office Action on the merits has yet been received in the above-identified application.

U.S. Patent No. 5,930,209 (Spitzenberger) apparently relates to an optical disc and an optical disc recording apparatus with improved protection against undesired or illegal copying. Information on these optical discs is arranged in sectors, wherein each sector has an address label. The address value of the address labels increases linearly from the start of the disc. The address labels of specific sectors are given different address values which prevent copying CD-ROM discs on a standard CD recorder. The address labels may be stored in the main data stream or the subcode channel of a CD system.

European Patent Application No. 0 930 615 (Yamakawa) apparently relates to a data storage device and method. Specifically, the subject invention relates to data storage device for recording data on a memory medium, such as a magneto-optical disk, and in particular to a data storage device which ensures the secrecy and security of the recorded data. As such the data storage device comprises an acquisition unit for acquiring

management information which is recorded in a memory medium and a controller for converting the management information into an alternate form.

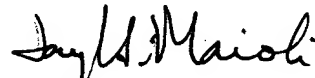
International Patent Application No. 00/68945 (Downing) apparently relates to a secure compact disk and player. Specifically, the invention provides proprietary compact disk formats and associated complaint players in order to prevent copying and unauthorized use of compact disk program material. The compact disk player of the subject invention only plays proprietary CDs and does not play standard CDs. Proprietary CDs in turn can not be played on standard CD players. Accordingly, this "closed" system ensures that material on the proprietary CDs is secure.

International Patent Application No. 98/52194 (Blixt) apparently relates to a copy protection mechanism for optical discs by modifying address information. The modified address information renders certain portions of the disc inaccessible and can not be copied by typical copying mechanisms. Specifically, storing user information between the inaccessible portions prevents copying the user information to an unauthorized duplicate of the disc. Additionally, when a user wishes to use data stored on the disc, a disc reader optionally determines whether the portions are accessible. If the portions are accessible, the user is prevented from using the data. If the portions are inaccessible, the user is permitted to use the data.

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